

**House File 301 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to school district teaching assignments and  
2 responsibilities, student advancement by a teacher or school  
3 district, and providing for the withholding of state aid to  
4 school districts under certain conditions.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.7, Code 2011, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 31. Adopt rules specifically defining the  
4 amount of state aid to be withheld from a school district for  
5 a violation of section 279.65.

6 Sec. 2. Section 256.9, subsection 52, Code 2011, is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 52. Establish and maintain a process and a procedure, in  
9 cooperation with the board of educational examiners, to compare  
10 a practitioner's teaching assignment with the license and  
11 endorsements held by the practitioner. The director may report  
12 noncompliance issues identified by this process to the board of  
13 educational examiners pursuant to section 272.15, subsection  
14 3, and may provide for the withholding of state aid to a school  
15 district if the department determines that the school district  
16 has inappropriately assigned a teacher in violation of section  
17 279.65, subsection 4.

18 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. **279.65 Teacher of record — contact**  
19 **hours and endorsements — student advancement.**

20 1. The state board of education shall define the term  
21 "*teacher of record*" by rule. The definition shall provide,  
22 at a minimum, that the term identifies the teacher who has  
23 responsibility for providing instruction to a given student for  
24 a given subject during each semester. A student may have more  
25 than one teacher of record if the school district utilizes team  
26 teaching in a given subject or when another teacher provides  
27 supplemental instruction. The state board of education shall  
28 determine under the definition the share of instructional  
29 responsibility to be apportioned to each teacher of a subject  
30 or grade level. The definition shall establish guidelines  
31 for determining whether a teacher of record is a classroom  
32 instructor or provides supplemental education in a subject.

33 2. At least twice annually, a teacher of record and the  
34 teacher's supervisor shall verify and, where appropriate,  
35 correct the roster of students for whom the teacher has been

1 assigned responsibility. The teacher of record shall have  
2 at least fifty percent of the total contact hours with a  
3 given student in a given subject, except when the coursework  
4 is offered as an advanced placement class or as online  
5 postsecondary-level coursework.

6 3. A student shall not advance to the next grade level or  
7 the next level of coursework unless the student demonstrates  
8 proficiency by successfully meeting the minimum course  
9 requirements which shall be equally administered for all  
10 students as demonstrated by the teacher of record's published  
11 standards for competency and proficiency for the grade level  
12 or course or by the school district's published standards for  
13 competency and proficiency for the grade level or course.

14 4. A teacher of record, in accordance with section 272.7,  
15 shall hold an endorsement for the type of service for which the  
16 teacher is employed.

17 5. If the department of education determines that a school  
18 district is not in compliance with this section, the department  
19 shall instruct the director of the department of management  
20 to withhold state aid to the school district in an amount  
21 specified under section 256.7, subsection 31. The department  
22 of education shall direct the department of management to  
23 restore the amount withheld pursuant to this subsection if the  
24 department of education determines that the school district is  
25 in compliance with this section.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill directs the state board of education to define  
28 "teacher of record" by rule, provides for the number of contact  
29 hours a teacher of record must have with a given student for  
30 a given subject, provides that a student shall not advance to  
31 the next grade or course level unless the student meets the  
32 teacher of record's standards, and requires that a teacher of  
33 record hold an endorsement in the subject for which the teacher  
34 is responsible. The bill provides for the withholding and  
35 restoration of state aid to a school district that violates the

1 provisions of the bill.

2 A student may have more than one teacher of record if the  
3 school district utilizes team teaching in a given subject  
4 or when another teacher provides supplemental instruction.  
5 The state board shall determine the share of instructional  
6 responsibility to be apportioned to each teacher of a subject  
7 or grade level. The definition shall establish guidelines  
8 for determining whether a teacher of record is a classroom  
9 instructor or provides supplemental education in a subject.

10 At least twice annually, a teacher of record and the  
11 teacher's supervisor shall verify and, where appropriate,  
12 correct the roster of students for whom the teacher has  
13 been assigned responsibility. The teacher of record shall  
14 have at least 50 percent of the total contact hours with a  
15 given student in a given subject, except when the coursework  
16 is offered as an advanced placement class or as online  
17 postsecondary-level coursework.

18 A teacher of record shall hold an endorsement for the type of  
19 service for which the teacher is employed.

20 A student shall not advance to the next grade level or  
21 the next level of coursework unless the student demonstrates  
22 proficiency by successfully meeting the minimum course  
23 requirements which shall be equally administered for all  
24 students as demonstrated by the teacher of record's published  
25 standards for competency and proficiency for the grade level  
26 or course or by the school district's published standards for  
27 competency and proficiency for the grade level or course.

28 If the department of education determines that a school  
29 district is not in compliance with the provisions of the bill,  
30 the department shall instruct the director of the department  
31 of management to withhold state aid to the school district in  
32 an amount specified by the state board under rules the bill  
33 requires the state board to adopt. The department of education  
34 shall direct the department of management to restore the amount  
35 withheld if the department of education determines that the

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1 school district is in compliance. The bill makes a conforming  
2 change.